

TOPIC 1. Artillery Units in Pribram

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2. Induction of Recruits in June 1951

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DATE OF CONTENT prior to 13 July 1951

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REMARKS

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Artillery Units in Pribram.

1. Prior to July 1951, a motorized artillery unit of troops wearing black service color was located in the Horymírový Barracks of 5 or 6 multi-story brick buildings on the northwestern exit of Pribram (N 50/L 53). A column of 15 to 20 trucks towing artillery pieces was seen on the road leading past the installation. The guns were of about 100-mm, had 2 solid-rubber wheels and mounted a barrel, about 5 meters long, without muzzle brake. Other soldiers seen leaving the installation wore linen uniforms without service color and carried on their backs tripods, 1½ meters long, and boxes measuring 30 x 30 x 20 cm with glass lenses. (1)
2. Prior to June, troops wearing red and black service color, were quartered in the so-called Lower Barracks which consisted of 5 multi-story buildings and large garages and was located about 1½ km north of Pribram. About 20 trucks and 2 jeeps were parked in the barracks yard, while vehicles having two wheels in front and tracks and suspensions in the rear were seen through the open garage doors. The latter vehicles were prime movers for about 10 artillery pieces which had pneumatic twin wheels and mounted a barrel, 5 to 6 meters long with muzzle brake. (2)
3. Gun emplacements, which were regularly used, were located in the woods southwest of Obecnice, about 5 km northwest of Pribram. Some multi-engine aircraft towing sleeve targets were repeatedly seen over this area. (3)
4. Three fuel storage installations guarded by soldiers with red service color were observed near the railroad station prior to June. Each installation contained a small concrete building and a large number of barrels, surrounded by a board fence.

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5. Having been summoned in March 1951, all members of the 1929 through 1931 classes in Pribram were registered and examined for the draft in early April. Practically all of the 1929 class were classified as fit for service while only about 25 percent, primarily craftsmen, of the 1930 and 1931 classes were earmarked for induction. Only three students were deferred. The first of those draftees registered in April, among them members of all three classes specified above, were inducted as early as June. It was rumored that the members of the 1932 class would also be registered for the draft in the summer, together with those members of the 1928 and 1929 classes who had previously been classified as unfit for active service.

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Comments.

- (1) The 203d Htz AT Arty Regt of the 3d Htz Arty Brig has been carried in Pribram to date. The unit mentioned in the present report is believed to be a component of this regiment. The description of the guns observed does not allow any conclusions as to their type.
- (2) Probably also a component of the 203d Htz AT Arty Regt. The description of the guns observed is indicative of Soviet 100-mm AT guns which would thus have appeared in the Czechoslovakian Army for the first time. The introduction of these guns may be possible in view of standardization of weapons.
- (3) No AAA units have been observed in the Pribram area to date. There is a possibility that the gun emplacements and the towed-sleeve targets may have had no relation.

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